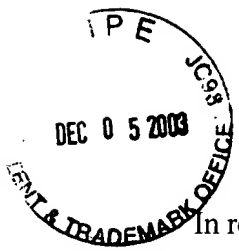


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Application No. 09/933,151	Filing Date August 21, 2001	Examiner E.A. Lester	Art Unit 2873		
Applicant(s): Koichiro Kishima et al					
Invention: OPTICAL ELEMENT, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND OPTICAL PICKUP					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In full and timely response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003 (Paper No. 06), please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Elections for the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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